



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Robert Burke, First Selectman
Paul Szatkowski, Selectman
Kevin L. Cleary, Selectman

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 6, 2008
7:30 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: First Selectman Burke, Selectman Szatkowski and Selectman Cleary.
Also in attendance was William Hagan, Town Attorney

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: First Selectman Burke called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Correspondence: None

Public Comments: Alice Hutchinson spoke.

Minutes of April 15, 2008 Regular Meeting: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to approve the minutes of April 15, 2008 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman's Report: First Selectman Burke reported on the various ongoing projects: the culvert project is due for paving, South Street firehouse and Parks & Recreation Building projects are progressing, seeking grant opportunities for lead and asbestos removal at the Teen Center are ongoing. Selectman Cleary questioned the money obtained via Representative Bartlett for improvements; First Selectman Burke advised that it is his understanding that this money is not available as purportedly earmarked for Bethel as stated by Representative Bartlett. Selectman Cleary suggested inviting Representative Bartlett, and other representatives to come before the Board of Selectmen to discuss opportunities for Bethel. First Selectman Burke also cited that the funds for rail station parking are unrealistic and not nearly enough to accomplish the expansion of the parking area. Selectman Cleary also asked for an update on the Plumtrees Road intersection and Walnut Hill Bridge; First Selectman Burke advised that they are still on the docket.

Discussion took place regarding the High School Project. First Selectman Burke reported that despite rumors to the contrary; the project is not over budget and expressed his intent to have the chairman of the High School Building Committee come to the next Board of Selectmen meeting to update the Selectmen on the project.

New Business

1.) Consideration of appointment – LEPC Chairman

Fire Marshal Thomas Galliford was present at the meeting and explained that this group has been inactive for many years. He would like to reform the committee as it is a requirement.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Thomas Galliford as the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) Chairman. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of appointment – Deputy Fire Marshal

Fire Marshal Thomas Galliford had provided that Mr. Connors is currently appointed as a Fire Safety Code Inspector and has completed the requirements for fire investigation and should be appointed as a Deputy Fire Marshal.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Michael Connors as the Deputy Fire Marshal. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of appointment – Ethics Commission

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Spruille Braden, Jr. (R) to the vacancy on the Ethics Commission caused by the resignation of Surin Malhotra (R). This appointment expires January 2, 2010. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Discussion took place regarding the High School Project. Selectman Cleary made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to have the First Selectman call a Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to meet with the High School Building Committee at their next meeting along with representatives from Friar Associates and Morganti, in order to provide the Board of Selectmen with an update on the project. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Selectman Cleary also reiterated his concern over the time of the meetings for the Public Utilities Commission; he is unable to attend the afternoon meetings due to his work obligations. He would like the Public Utilities Commission to consider changing the time of the meeting.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Smith".

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary